

REMARKS

The Decision on Appeal dated December 27, 2010, has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks and amendments have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 19-22, 26, and 31-42 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 19-22, 26, and 31-42 were the subject of an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

As stated in the Decision to Appeal, the rejection of Claims 3 and 32-42 is reversed and the rejection of 4, 6-8, 19, 20-22, 26, and 31 is affirmed.

In response to the Decision on Appeal, Applicants are submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination to continue prosecution.

The rejection of Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 19, 20, 26, 31-37, and 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker, Raven, and Orus is respectfully traversed.

As stated in the Decision to Appeal, the rejection of Claims 3 and 32-42 is reversed. Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 19, 20, 26, and 31 are canceled. Claim 32 is an independent claim, is submitted as being patentable over Walker, Raven, and Orus.

Claims 33-37 and 40-42 depend from independent Claim 32. When the recitations of Claims 33-37 and 40-42 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 32, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 33-37 and 40-42 likewise are patentable over Walker, Raven, and Orus.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103 rejection of Claims 32-37 and 40-42 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 21, 22, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker, Raven, Orus, and Phillips is respectfully traversed.

Claim 32 is submitted as being patentable over Walker, Raven, Orus, and

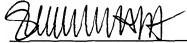
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Claims 21 and 22 are canceled. Claims 38 and 39 depend from independent Claim 32. When the recitations of Claims 38 and 39 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 32, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 38 and 39 likewise are patentable over Walker, Raven, Orus, and Phillips.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103 rejection of Claims 38 and 39 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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